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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Ex Parte* Communication in MM Docket No. 00-39 (Review of the
Commission's Rules and Policies Affecting the Conversion to Digital
Television)

Dear Ms. Salas:

On Tuesday, October 30, 2001, Lawrence R. Sidman and Sara W. Morris of Verner, Liipfert, Bernhard, McPherson & Hand, and Bruce Allan and Mike Riksen of Harris Corporation, met with Susanna Zwerling, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Michael J. Copps, to discuss issues in the above-referenced proceeding.

Harris provided information on current DTV market conditions, particularly concerning prices and availability of DTV transmission equipment. The discussion focused on various approaches, including flexibility in certain broadcaster requirements and criteria for evaluating waiver requirements, that would enable the maximum number of broadcasters to meet the May 1, 2002 deadline. The attached document, which provides cost data for DTV facilities based on several scenarios, was provided subsequent to the meeting.

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, an original and one copy of this letter, including attachments, is being filed with your office. Please direct any questions concerning this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/

Lawrence R. Sidman

Attachment
cc (with attachment): Susanna Zwerling